(*b*) whether any investigation was made into the complaint, and whether the matter has been settled;

(*c*) if no settlement has been made, what is the delay due to;

(*d*) whether Mr. S. V. Manikam, another employee of the same Estate was dismissed from service on 9th July 1948 without even a notice and whether any action was taken by the Labour Department when the matter was represented to the Assistant Labour Commissioner on 2nd November 1948;

(*e*) whether Mr. P. M. Mammen, an employee of Lahai Estate, managed by Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield Ltd, was dismissed on 14th October 1948 and whether any action was taken by the Labour Department when the case was represented to them;

(*f*) whether Mr. T. V. George, an employee of Lahai Estate, managed by Messrs. Harrisons & Crossfield Ltd., was dismissed on 14th October 1948 and whether any action was taken by the Labour Department on the representation made to the Labour Minister on 12th January 1949 about it?

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Complaint was investigated into and it was found that the discharge was for good reason. However at the instance of the officers of the Labour Department the management offered to pay Sri. Siromani certain compensation which he was not willing to accept. There upon Government informed him that he may seek his remedy in a Court of Law.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) no answer is called for.

(*d*) (*e*) and (*f*) Government have no information.

PUBLIC WELL IN KEEZHILLUM

*15. [2] **Sri. M. Varki:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Public Health Department have received any representation on the necessity of a public well in Keezhillum in Rayamangalam pakuthi of Kunnathunad Taluk; and

(*b*) if so the steps taken in the matter?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **[Sri. A J. John]:**

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The Term of Office of Municipal Councillors and Chairmen (Extension) Bill

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government **(Sri. N. Kunjuraman]:** I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the term of office of Municipal Councillors and Chairmen (Extension) Bill and I move that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee may be taken up for consideration.

Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies **(Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon):** I second it.

Mr. Speaker: The question before the House is that this Bill be taken up for consideration.

The motion was carried.

Clause 2

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: I move: In clause 2 sub-clause 3 omit the words "November 1952" and substitute "July 1951". I do not think that any argument is necessary to make my amendment acceptable to the House. Here in the Bill the

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